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(54) **Remote control for cable television delivery system**

(57) A method for selecting a program category submenu on a television system using a main menu having a menu cursor and menu options corresponding to program categories and using a remote control with menu select buttons, a cursor movement control, and a go button, the method comprising the steps of generating a main menu with menu options corresponding to program category submenus, the menu options being selectable by using a menu cursor; selecting a program category submenu from the main menu comprising the steps of moving the menu cursor to a menu option corresponding to a desired program category submenu

using the cursor movement control on the remote control; and

depressing the go button on the remote control when the cursor is located at the desired menu option; and

wherein the desired program category submenu is additionally selectable at any time by performing the step of depressing one of the menu select buttons, each menu select button corresponding to one of the program category submenus; and generating the selected program category submenu.

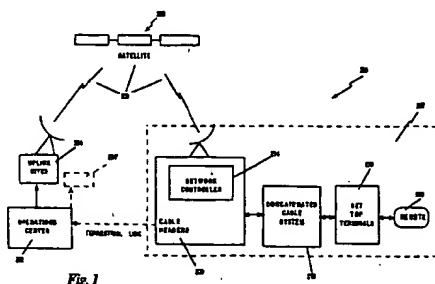


Fig. 1